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In re Application of: **Couto et al.**

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For: **METHODS OF TANGENTIAL FLOW FILTRATION AND AN  
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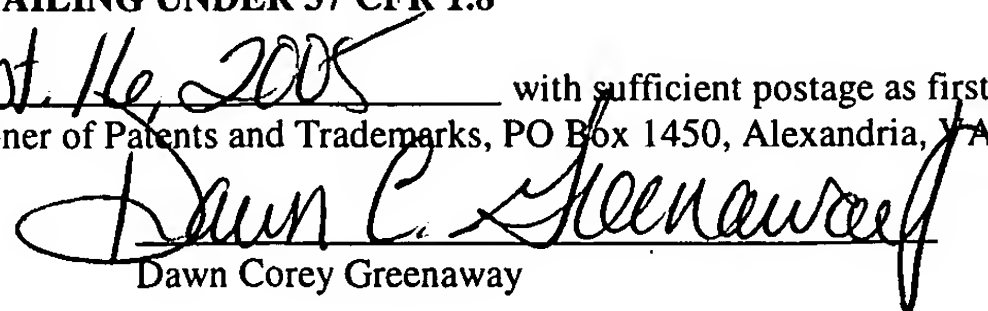
**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY #2 TO  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This reply is being filed in response to the Notice of Withdrawal from Issue dated August 18, 2005. As no time deadline was given or suggested for reply or receipt of comments from Applicant, the fact that Applicant is formally responding within seven business days of receipt of said Notice of Withdrawal from Issue should suffice to indicate that this Second Supplemental Reply is timely filed. From review of the MPEP there is no fee determined for this Reply or any amendments suggested. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to determine if a fee is due, and if so what it may be. It should be noted that the Applicants comprise a small entity for this purpose.

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